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Annual Report of the Secretary for 1890.

To the President, Officers and Members
of the Historical Society of Southern California:

Your Secretary *pro tempore* begs leave to submit the following report of doings of the society and of his office for the year 1890:

ABSTRACT OF MEETINGS HELD DURING THE YEAR.

January 6—Active members present, 17. Voted to expunge from the minutes of December 9, 1889, resolutions of inquiry offered by B. A. C. Stephens about the actions of the Lewis Publishing Company of Chicago in reference to the publication of the "Los Angeles County History." President E. W. Jones read his retiring address. Secretary B. A. C. Stephens filed his annual report for the year 1889. Treasurer J. M. Guinn filed his annual report for 1889. Curator Ira More filed his annual report for 1889. C. N. Wilson, chairman of the Botany Committee, filed his annual report for 1889.

The following officers were elected for the year 1890:

President, J. M. Guinn. First Vice-President, George Butler Griffin; Second Vice-President, E. W. Jones; Secretary, B. A. C. Stephens, (re-elected second time); Treasurer, H. D. Barrows; Curator, Ira More, (re-elected); H. Jay Hanchette and M. C. Westbrook were elected active members.

January 13—Active members present, 13. On motion of George Butler Griffin, Section 3, Article V, of the By-Laws was amended so as to permit active members in arrears to be re-instated upon the payment of delinquent dues. William A. Burr elected an active member. H. D. Barrows, chairman of the History Committee, filed a majority report in reference to the Lewis Publishing Company's history of Los Angeles county. J. M. Guinn, chairman of the Meteorological Committee, filed the annual report of that committee.

February 3—Active members present, 9. Richard Gird, Esq., of the Chino ranch, a benefactor of the society, was elected an honorary member. Judge David M. Adams presented the society with a life-sized crayon portrait of Don Juan J. Warner, for which thanks were tendered. B. A. C. Stephens read a paper on the "History of Fort Moore."

February 4—Active members present, 21. Reception of Dr. Lyman C. Draper, of Madison, Wisconsin. General John Mansfield delivered the address of welcome. Dr. Draper responded in a long and interesting address to the society on the best methods of historical work.

March 3—Active members present, 13. President Guinn appointed the standing committees for the year 1890. B. A. C. Stephens, Ira More and George Butler Griffin appointed a special committee to revise the constitution and by-laws.

April 7—Active members present, 13. C. L. Goodwin read a paper by Isaac Kinley "On the Fallacy of Reasoning from Coincidences." George Butler Griffin read a paper on his "Survey of Tampico Bar."

May 5—Active members present, 7. C. L. Goodwin read a paper by Hon. John A. Wills on "The origin of the Phrase, 'Polygamy and Slavery, Twin Relics of Barbarism.' "

June 2—Active members present, 9. J. M. Guinn read a paper on the "Fragments of Local History."

July 7—Active members present, 6. (One less than a quorum). B. A. C. Stephens filed his resignation papers as secretary, also a list of donations to the society. Accepted. Communication from J. C. Nevin announcing the death of Dr. C. C. Parry, an eminent scientist, and also presented a biographical sketch of the deceased. George Butler Griffin presented the society with a bas-relief of himself, the work of his oldest daughter Eva Rosa Griffin. Resolutions again adopted urging the board of supervisors of Los Angeles county to have the Spanish archives translated into English. C. L. Goodwin elected secretary.

September 1—Active members present, 11. The Publication Committee reported the publication of 500 copies of the annual pamphlet at a cost of $95.20. E. W. Jones reported the discovery of a bed of fossil clams in the excavation for the mansion of George R. Shatto on Orange street, in Los Angeles city. The thanks of the society were tendered B. A. C. Stephens for his historical donation made last July.

October 6—Active members present, 12. J. M. Guinn read a paper on "Historical Myths." H. D. Barrows read a paper on "General John Charles Frémont." Resolutions adopted thanking the board of supervisors of Los Angeles county for having the work of translating the Spanish archives commenced. Hon. Henry Hamilton, of San Gabriel, donated the files of the Los Angeles Star from January, 1855, to October, 1864, and from May, 1868, to May, 1870.

November 3—B. A. C. Stephens appointed Secretary *pro tempore.* Active members present, 13. George Butler Griffin read a paper on a "Map of the Northern California Missions; also translations of proclamations by Govenor Juan Bautista Alvarado, of 1840, and Governor Pio Pico, of 1846. Dr. Wm. F. Edgar read a paper on "Historical Landmarks in the San Joaquin Valley —Old Fort Miller." George Butler Griffin read two papers, "Historical Myths, No. 1," and "Historical Myths, No. 2." J. M. Guinn read a paper on the "Early Gold Discoveries in California." Charles W. Darling, of Utica, N. Y., and Hon. Cornelius Cole, of Colegrove, California, were elected corresponding members. Charles Putman Fenner, C. P. Dorland and Frank W. Smith were elected active members.

December 1—Active members present, 13. Dr. Wm. F. Edgar read a paper on "Historical Notes on Landmarks in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys—Old Forts Reading and Tejon." George Butler Griffin read traslations of a proclamation of Governor Manuel Micheltorena,of December 16, 1844, and of the "Expediente" of the Santa Gertrúdes rancho; also a translation of a letter from Don Antonio F. Coronel to Rev. Joachim Adam. Mary E. Hart, of Long Beach, California, was elected a corresponding member.

RECAPITULATION.

Total number of meetings, 13. Average attendance, 12. Total number of active members elected: H. Jay Hanchette, M. C. Westbrook, William A. Burr, Charles Putnam Fenner, Frank W. Smith and C. P. Dorland, 6. Total number of corresponding members elected: Charles W. Darling, Hon. Cornelius Cole, and Mary E. Hart. 3. Total number of honorary members elected: Richard Gird, Esq., 1. Total number of papers read: By E. W. Jones, 1; Isaac Kinley, 1; B. A. C. Stephens, 1; J. M. Guinn, 3; John A. Wills, 1; J. C. Nevins, 1; H. D. Barrows, 1; George Butler Griffin, 9; Wm. F. Edgar, 2; L. C. Draper, 1; Total, 21. Six reports of officers and committees were filed. 500 annual pamphlets were published and distributed among the historical societies, colleges and libraries of the United States. The receipts were $82.-50, and the expenses were $120.45. The donations, in the way of bound books, pamphlets, newspapers, manuscripts, photographs, maps and curios were too numerous to burden the minutes with their mention.

Your secretary served as such from January 1889, to July, 1890, when he resigned, owing to his absence in Lower California, Mexico, and C. L. Goodwin, Esq.,was elected to the office, which

he had filled pro tempore from March, 1890, till July, 1890, and thence, by election, unto and including October, 1890, when he removed to Washington, D. C., and your secretary was appointed *pro tempore* for November and December, 1890; hence devolved upon him the duty of making out this annual report. As the society grows older, and the membership and collections increase, the work of recording and correspondence likewise enlarges, as it has been doing for the two years last past, during all of which time your secretaries, as well as those from the organization of the society, have served without any financial remuneration.

Yours very truly,

B. A. CECIL-STEPHENS,

LOS ANGELES, January 5, 1891. Secretary *pro tempore.*